

Chamba Leko

Chamba Leko is one of two languages spoken by the Chamba people, the other being Chamba Daka. It is a member of the Leko branch of Savanna languages, and is spoken across the northern Nigerian–Cameroonian border.

Chamba is also spelled 'Samba', *Leko* also 'Leeko', 'Lego' or 'Lekon'. The language is also known as *Suntai*.

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		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Labiodental</u>	<u>Apical</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Labial–velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Fricative</u>	<u>Voiceless</u>	<u>p</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>t</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>k</u>	<u>kp</u>	<u>ʔ</u>
	<u>Voiced</u>	<u>b</u>	<u>v</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>z</u>	<u>g</u>	<u>gb</u>	
<u>Nasal</u>		<u>m</u>		<u>n</u>	<u>ɲ</u>	<u>ŋ</u>	<u>ɥw</u>	
<u>Oral</u>				<u>l</u>	<u>y</u>		<u>w</u>	(h)
<u>Flap</u>			(<u>v</u>)	(r)				

Vowels

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	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>Close</u>	<u>i</u>	<u>ə</u>	<u>u</u>
<u>Mid</u>	<u>e</u>		<u>o</u>
<u>Open</u>	<u>ɛ</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>ɔ</u>

Chamba	
Samba Leeko	
Region	northern Nigeria and Cameroon
Ethnicity	Chamba people
Native speakers	62,000 in Nigeria (2000) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none">Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Leko–Nimbari<ul style="list-style-type: none">Leko<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chamba
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	ndi
Glottolog	samb1305 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/samb1305) ^[2]

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